

REMARKS

CLAIM STATUS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-30 were pending in this application. Claims 4, 8, 12, 14-15, 22, 25-26, and 30 are amended to incorporate subject matter that the examiner has indicated would be allowable. Claims 6, 7, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24 and 28 are amended to depend from claims now written in independent form. Claims 1-3, 10-11, 18, 21, and 29 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Thus, after this Amendment, claims 4-9, 12 - 17, 19-20, 22-28, and 30 are pending in this application.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has object to claim 2 as being dependent upon itself. Applicants have canceled claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his objection in light of the amendment.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 13, 17-21, 24, and 29 under 36 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,587,291 issued to Rochers ("Rochers"). Claims 1-3, 10-11, 18, 21, and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 6-7, 13, 17, 19, 20 and 24 are amended to depend from claims that include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 16 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Rochers. Claims 16 and 28 have been amended to depend from claims that include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 22, 23, 25-27, and 30 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Office Action, Dec. 28, 2009, pg. 5.

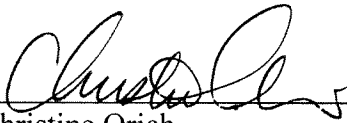
Without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter previously recited in these claims, claims 4, 8, 12, 14-15, 22, 25-26 and 30 are rewritten in independent form.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all rejections and objections be withdrawn and that all of the pending claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-6486 to discuss any outstanding issues or concerns so that allowance of the present application may be expedited. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to affect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to affect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our file 7175-202950.

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